Incorporation/Annexation Status Report As of March 2005

Municipal Advisory Committees

Biscayne Gardens

The Biscayne Gardens Municipal Advisory Committee (MAC) is now preparing its proforma budget.

Fisher Island

The MAC has created a Budget Subcommittee to begin preparing a proforma budget. However, police cost for services is still unresolved. Miami Dade Police Department (MDPD) sent a letter to the MAC advising them that they are reevaluating the original proposal recommending a 17 person police operation at a \$2.1 million cost. The MAC contends that the proposal does not reflect the needs of the island's residents. The MAC is trying to determine if a location for a City Hall can be established which would not impede upon privacy of the island. The next meeting is scheduled for March 30, 2005. The Budget Subcommittee will meet on March 7, 2005 and on March 28, 2005.

Fontainebleau

The proposed incorporation of Fontainebleau item was heard before the Planning & Advisory Board (PAB) on January 10, 2005. The PAB recommended denial (unanimously) of the proposed incorporation. The item will be forwarded to the Infrastructure and Land Use Committee.

Goulds

The MAC met on February 8, 2005. Two new members, appointed by Commissioner Sorenson, were present. The MAC decided to postpone the recent request to have County departments make secondary presentations to the MAC. Instead, the MAC is working on bringing the Mayors of Florida City and Homestead to make special presentation on municipal budget issues during the March and April MAC meetings. The MAC requested MDPD to return in May to make the presentation based on the current MAC boundaries. The next MAC meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2005.

North Central Dade

The proposed incorporation item was heard on December 6, 2004 at Miami Central High School at 6:00 PM by the Planning Advisory Board (PAB). The PAB recommended denial (unanimously) of the proposed incorporation. The item will be forwarded to the Infrastructure and Land Use Committee.

Northeast Dade

The Northeast Dade MAC proposed incorporation report is scheduled to be heard by the Boundaries Commission on March 23, 2005 at 9:30 AM in the BCC Chambers.

PLANT (Princeton, Leisure City, and Naranja)

The PLANT MAC (PMAC) met on September 16, 2004 and discussed their pro-forma budget. The PMAC decided not to meet again until they had more information from the FCRC concerning their desire to expand its boundaries. The PMAC chairperson said he would contact the FCRC as to their status.

Redland

The Redland MAC (RMAC) had their last meeting on January 22, 2004. The major discussion item was Commissioner Sorenson and Commissioner Moss' resolution. The RMAC has conflicts with Goulds and PLANT concerning the boundaries and is currently in negotiations with the FCRC.

Annexations

Davis Ponce

A draft staff report of the Davis Ponce annexation application has been submitted for review by the Assistant County Manager. It is anticipated that the Davis Ponce annexation application will be scheduled for a public hearing at the April meeting of the Infrastructure and Land Use Committee.

Doral

The Doral application went before the BCC on September 9, 2004. The BCC did not accept the application. The Board gave the Manager 120 days to mediate mutually agreeable boundaries with Virginia Gardens, Medley, and Miami Springs. The cities last met on January 31, 2005.

Florida City

The Florida City application was reviewed by the Infrastructure and Land Use Committee on February 8, 2005 and was forwarded to the BCC without recommendation. The County Attorney was instructed at that meeting to prepare an ordinance for approval of the boundary change. On March 1, 2005, the BCC deferred its discussion of the report and had a first reading for the ordinance. The ordinance will receive a second reading and the report will be discussed at a public hearing no sooner than April 19, 2005.

Homestead

The City of Homestead annexation item was presented to the Boundaries Commission (BC) on January 19, 2005. The members recommended approval of the proposed annexation, 3 votes to 2. The item is now scheduled to be heard by the PAB on March 7, 2005 at 6:30 pm in the BCC chambers.

Medley

The Medley application went before the BCC on September 9, 2004. The BCC did not accept the application. The Board gave the Manager 120 days to mediate mutually agreeable boundaries with Doral, Virginia Gardens, and Miami Springs. The cities last met on January 31, 2005.

Miami Shores

An annexation application was received from the Village of Miami Shores on November 26, 2004. The application has been accepted by the BCC and a staff report has been prepared. The report is scheduled for presentation to the Boundaries Commission on March 23, 2005 at 9:30 AM in the BCC chambers.

Miami Springs

The Miami Springs application went before the BCC on September 9, 2004. The BCC did not accept the application. The Board gave the Manager 120 days to mediate mutually agreeable boundaries with Doral, Virginia Gardens, and Medley. The cities last met on January 31, 2005.

Sweetwater

An annexation application was accepted by the BCC on February 1, 2005. Currently, County departments are reviewing the application for departmental inputs. The initial deadline to submit comments is March 2, 2005.

Virginia Gardens

The Virginia Gardens application was accepted by the BCC on September 23, 2003. On September 9, 2004, The Board gave the Manager 120 days to mediate mutually agreeable boundaries with Doral, Medley, and Miami Springs. The cities last met on January 31, 2005.

Transition Cities

Cutler Ridge

On March 1, 2005, the Board of County Commissioners established the Cutler Ridge Charter Commission. Preparations are under way for the Commission's initial meeting, including completion of relevant paperwork (in coordination with the Clerk of the Board), scheduling of the meeting, and preparation of a tentative agenda and draft charter.

Doral

The City of Doral Roads Transfer Agreement was approved by the BCC on January 20, 2005. The agreement has been signed and distributed to the City.

Miami Gardens

All interlocal agreements with the City of Miami Gardens have been completed and recorded. The deeds to three parks have not been transferred due to funding and construction issues. The Carol City Community Center Funding Interlocal Agreement is being prepared and once completed will be presented to the City of Miami Gardens for their approval and returned to the County for BCC action.

Palmetto Bay

The Village of Palmetto Bay Roads Transfer Agreement received final BCC approval on January 20, 2005. The agreement has been signed and distributed to the Village.

Additional Information

Redland Petition

The BCC deferred consideration of this petition for incorporation at their December 14, 2004 meeting. The petition was received by the Clerk of the Board on May 17, 2004 and has been certified by the Elections Department. No date certain was established by the board for future consideration of the petition.